



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
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Chambers of
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Judge

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Dear Librarians:

I currently serve as Chair of the Historical Association for our court, an association originally founded by Judge William Hart. As you may know, in 2002, Northwestern University Press published a book by Richard Cahan that describes the court's history from its beginning in the late eighteenth century. Our Association hopes now to pursue further research concerning the court's history, perhaps focusing on significant cases that have been tried here.

We are aware that some of the local law firms themselves maintain archives that might relate to our court's history. Might your firm maintain such an archive? If you have retained materials that might be of interest to our Association, would you please contact me? One of the members of our Association, or a legal historian who is working with us, would very much appreciate the opportunity to review them. I can be reached at (312) 435-5636 or by e-mail CourtHistory_ILND@ilnd.uscourts.gov.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Rebecca R. Pallmeyer
U.S. District Judge

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